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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

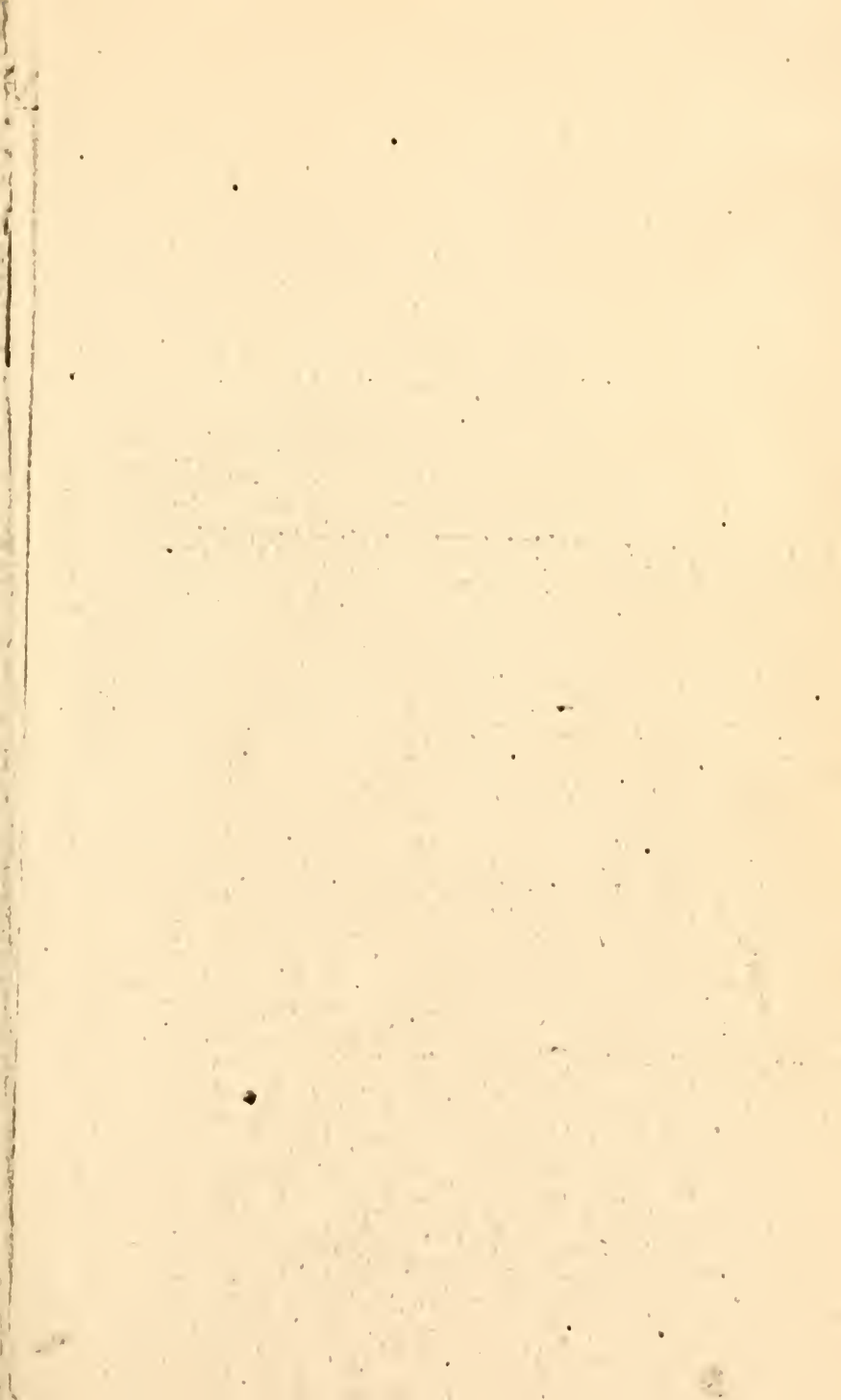
ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

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HELD AT

Marion,

November 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1863.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MARION, NOV. 6, 1862.

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment, and after the reading of the Scriptures by the President, and prayer by the Rev. J. B. Link, the letters were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows viz:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Rebel—J. Talbert, W. J. Parker.

Coosa River—O. Welch, J. L. M. Curry.

Unity—W. Wilkes, L. U. Wilkes, L. B. Parker.

Cahaula—W. A. Jones, J. B. Pool, C. J. Crews.

Tuskegee—S. Henderson.

Bigbee—W. Howard, J. C. Wright, J. H. Gary.

Providence—J. B. Hawthorne.

Tuskaloosa—C. Manly.

Union—W. Ashcraft.

Alabama—I. T. Tichenor, W. B. Haralson, D. R. Lide; J. E. Bell.

Eufaula—W. N. Reeves.

CHURCHES.

Montevallo—R. Figh.

Silvan—W. H. McIntosh, M. T. Sumner, N. K. Davis, T. W. Tobey, J. B. Lovelace.

Centre Ridge—D. R. Lide.

Selma—A. T. Spalding, C. E. Thamer, W. M. Smith, F. L. Johnson, J. E. Prestridge.

Talladega Town—S. Cibaugh, J. L. M. Curry.

Tallulega—O. Welch.

New Prospect—W. J. Parker, J. H. Gary.

Colored Baptist Church at Selma—W. H. Carroll.

Newbern—W. T. Hendon, C. C. Huckabee.

Uniontown—J. H. Lide, L. L. Fox, L. B. Vaiden, E. B. Woodlin.

Forest—W. Ashcraft.

Fellowship—W. Ashcraft.

OTHER BODIES.

Missionary Society School Baptist Sunday School—G. C. Johnson, W. A. Jones.

The Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Female Institute—N. K. Davis.

LIFE MEMBERS.

W N Wyatt, E A Blunt, H Talbird, W M Pleasant, L C Tutt, J Kinerd, J T Barron, J G Huckabee, S H Fowkes, J H Lee, J Haralson, A B Goodhue.

The Convention organized by the election of the following officers, viz: Hon J L M Curry, President, and A B Goodhue, Secretary.

Invited the following brethren to seats as officials of the Bodies they represent, viz:

Rev M T Sumner, Cor Sec B D M S B C.

Rev Wm Huff, agent Va. Sab. School and Pub. Board.

J C Elford, Esq., agent S S B S B C.

Invited ministering brethren present to seats.

Accepted by Revs J B Lusk and J T Tovell.

Adopted the proceedings of the last session as the order of business for the present session.

Resolved, That 40 minutes each day, beginning at 10 A M be devoted to religious exercises, having special reference to the present condition of the country.

Though the hour had passed for to day, the President called on Dr. Talbird to engage in prayer for the country. On motion of brother Wyatt,

Resolved, That these religious exercises be continued till the expiration of forty minutes.

Resolved, That the following hours of meeting and adjournment be observed during the session, viz: Meet at half-past 9 A M and 2 P M, and adjourn at half-past 12 P M and 5 P M.

Appointed the following committees, viz:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Siloam church, J E Prestige, S Clabaugh,

To nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention—E A Blunt, J Talbert, and D. E. Tide.

On Finance—J B Lovelace, C. E. Thomas, W M Pleasant.

Auditing Committee—W N Wyatt, W T Hendon.

On Letters and Documents—J U Wilkes, W A Jones, J Talbert.

To nominate preachers for the next Session—L C Tutt, J Kinerd, C C Huckabee.

On Sunday Schools—N K Davis, O Welch, W T Hendon.

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College referred to committee on Education.

Ordered the letter of the Ann Hasseltine Society to be printed with the minutes. (Appendix A.)

Added J B Hawthorne to committee on Education.

Added B Figh to committee on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev I U Wilkes.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev J B Hawthorne.

Appointed committee on Periodicals: W Howard, W J Parker, J C Wright

Report of Treasurer referred to Auditing committee.

Appointed messengers to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention: M T Sumner, W Howard, W Ashcraft, J Talbert.

To the Florida Convention: M T Sumner, J T S Park, W S Paulin, R Holman.

To the Georgia Convention: M T Sumner, W H McIntosh, S J Henderson, I T Tichenor, A T Spalding, A J Battle, H W Watson.

To the General Association of Virginia: M T Sumner, J J D Renfro, W H Carroll, — Cumbie.

Appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions relative to the death of brother Edmund King.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev O Welch.

Introductory Sermon on Friday night by brother A T Spalding.

SATURDAY, 9½ O'CLOCK, A M.

Prayer by Rev W Huff.

Report on Foreign Missions made the special order for Monday at 11, A M.

Report of committee on Letters and Documents adopted. (Appendix B.)

Report of committee to prepare resolutions in relation to the death of brother Edmund King, adopted. (App. C.)

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Montgomery on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1864.

Devoted 10 minutes to religious exercises.

Report of Trustees of Judson Female Institute referred to committee on Education.

Report of committee on Education adopted. (App. D.)

Report of committee to nominate remaining officers of the Convention, recommending the re-election of those offi.

cers whose terms of office expire with this session, and the election of S H Rowles as Trustee of Howard College, in place of I W Garrett, deceased, adopted.

Added C Manly to committee on Sunday Schools.

Took a recess till 3, P M.

3 O'CLOCK, P M.

Report of committee on Periodicals adopted. (App. E.)

Report of committee on the religious instruction of the colored people read, and pending the discussion of it, adjourned. Prayer by Rev I T Tichenor.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sermon by Rev J B Hawthorne,

SUNDAY 9, A M.

Sunday School addressed by C J Elford Esq.

11 O'CLOCK, A M.

Sermon at Baptist Church by Rev W Howard.

" " Presbyterian Church by Rev L L Fox.

" " Methodist Church by Rev W N Reeves.

Mass meeting in behalf of Army Missions at Baptist Church; addressed by Hon J L M Curry. Amount raised in cash and subscriptions about \$500.00

Sermon at Presbyterian Church by Rev I U Wilkes.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Sermon on Sunday School Board by Rev C Manly.

Sermon at Methodist Church by Rev J E Bell.

Address in behalf of the Sunday School Board by C J Elford, Esq.

Amount raised in cash and subscriptions about \$1600.00.

MONDAY 9, A M.

Prayer by Rev W H Carroll.

Report of the committee on the religious instruction of the colored people adopted. (Appendix F.)

Report of committee on Domestic Missions adopted. (Appendix G.)

Report of committee on Sunday Schools adopted. (Appendix H.)

Devoted 40 minutes to religious exercises.

Resolved, That the Convention heartily approves of the efforts being made by brethren throughout the State to establish an Orphan Asylum for the State of Alabama, especially for the children of deceased soldiers, and most cordially commends this enterprise to the liberality of our membership; and all other persons throughout the State.

Report of committee to nominate preachers for the next session adopted, viz:

To preach the Introductory Sermon, J B Hawthorne.

To preach a Sermon upon the religious instruction of the colored people, S R Freeman.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions adopted, (Appendix I.)

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Appointed a committee to arrange for the transfer of the property of the Salem Church, Greensboro, to this Convention.

Appointed the following standing committees, viz: On Education, W N Reaves, S R Freeman, T W Toby; On Domestic Missions, I T Tichenor, H W Watson, A. J. Battle; On Foreign Missions, W J Parker, J C Wright, W Howard; On Sunday Schools, C Manly, A T Spalding, J H Foster; On the Religious Instruction of the Colored People J Henderson, I B Vaiden, W Wilkes, J T Tichenor, B Manly.; On the State of Religion, M T Sumner, W H Carroll, J B Hawthorne.

On motion of brother S Henderson adopted the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS, At the annual meeting of the Alabama State Convention in 1860, we pledged ourselves to such line of action as our own State might, in the exercise of their undoubted sovereignty, adopt in the exigency then pending; and whereas, the Southern States were forced into a vindication of their civil and religious liberty, by the blind fanaticism and heartless cruelty of our enemy; and whereas, the people of the Southern States have, with unparalleled unanimity, adopted a Constitution and Government adapted to their own wants and views of civilization, to the maintenance of which we have time and again "pledged our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honors," therefore

Resolved, That the events of this war have only served to vindicate the wisdom and sagacity of our people in separating from a Union which was thenceforth to be the instrument of the most unmitigated tyranny.

Resolved, That our confidence in the justice of our cause and the integrity of the Administration is unabated, and that we hereby most solemnly renew our pledge to each other and to our Government, never to relax our efforts in this fearful struggle, until God shall award to us our liberty and independence.

Referred all unfinished business to the Board of Directors.

Adjourned to meet in Montgomery on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1864.

Prayer by the Rev. I. T. Tichenor.

J. L. M. CURRY, *President*.

A. B. GOODRICH, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX

A. TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Ann Haseltine Society of the Judson Institute takes great pleasure in presenting its annual greeting to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and in placing at their disposal the contributions mentioned below to the benevolent objects in which the Convention is interested.

The Society has unanimously elected the Principal of the Judson, Prof. N. K. Davis, as their delegate to represent them in the present session of the Convention, and through him, express their sincere wishes for the success of the labors of the Convention, and the hope that the Missionary operations which it has so long been engaged, may be greatly promoted and enlarged.

We enclose the sum of \$600 collected from the Institution, to be appropriated to objects of the Convention.

Respectfully,

ANN HASSELTINE SOCIETY.

B.

Your Committee on Letters and Documents report, That the Missionary Society of the Selma Baptist Sabbath School, asks to be admitted into this body. We recommend the request be granted.

We also find the painful intelligence, borne to this Convention by the letter of the Montevallo Baptist Church, of the death of our venerable brother, Edmund King, who was so long an active Deacon of that Church, and so many years a member of this body. We recommend the appointment of a special committee, to prepare suitable resolutions concerning his death, to be appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

C.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our highly esteemed brother, Edmund King, who died on the 25th day of June, 1863; and whereas, it becomes us as Christians, to recognize the hand of God as well in the day of adversity as in the day of prosperity, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of brother King, this Convention has lost a useful and liberal supporter of all its enterprises, the denomination, an earnest, consistent and pious member; and the country a true and patriotic citizen.

Resolved, While we bow in submission to the will of Him whose we are, whether living or dying, we can but feel that the Church of Christ has sustained a serious loss, in the death of one who so long illustrated the living power of a holy life, and whose example is so worthy of imitation, in whatever tends to advance the cause of the Redeemer on earth.

Resolved, That we tender to the Church of which he was a member, and his surviving family, our Christian sympathies.

D.

Report of the Committee on Education.

Your committee deem it unnecessary, before this body, to make any abstract statements as to the value of Education,

Deeply regretting that the present state of the country has so seriously interfered with the institutions for the education of young men, and desiring especially that Howard College shall be re opened with all possible enterprise and vigor at the earliest practicable time, we would urge the vital necessity of doing all that can be done for Female Education.

Besides the Judson, which is enjoying its usual remarkable degree of prosperity, we are glad to hear of the success of the Female Colleges in Tuskegee and Tuskaloosa. We suggest to the Convention that the reports of the Trustees of Howard College and of the Judson Female Institute be appended to the minutes of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. SPALDING, Chairman.

E.

Report on Periodicals.

It has been wisely said, "knowledge is power," Secular knowledge exerts a great power on mind and morals; upon men and the destinies of the world. The votaries of secular science have made many grand discoveries, and rendered subservient to the use of man the agents and elements of nature.

And if this knowledge is of so much importance, how much more so, that wisdom which comes down from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, and easy to be entreated, which brings life and immortality to light, and makes wise unto salvation. That wisdom which fits us for usefulness in society, state, church, the higher scenes of immortality, and the company and communion of Heavenly intelligences. It was in view of this knowledge that the apostle exclaimed, "O, for the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord."

If then, its excellency is so manifest, what are the best means for its attainment?

It is answered, by the publication and wide circulation of whole some religious journals, papers and periodicals. Such as breathe piety, speak truth, and reveal righteousness. Such as are balm with that grace which brightens all beauty, heightens all virtue, elevates all thought, chastens all reason, refines all feeling, tempers all passions, sublimates all joy, consummates all bliss. A literature whose teachings and things shall fall on the wild soil of the soul, like rain upon the mown grass; soft voices from the plumes of Paradise, or sweet melodies breathing from Heaven.

Resolved, That this Convention will aid in the publication and dissemination of All Periodicals whose character shall be as above named.

Resolved, That earnest efforts be made to place the South Western Baptist upon the table of every Baptist family in the State, and that the same be sent to every Regiment of Alabama soldiers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WRIGHT.

F

Report on Religious Instruction of Colored People.

The subject assigned to this committee is one of paramount importance to our Churches, and of vital interest to our country. While every attention has been given, for the most part, to the physical condition of our servants, and while it stands recorded that they are the most cheerful and happy of any laboring class in any part of the world, and while it is universally admitted, that under the providence of God, their religious status is much superior to that of persons of their own color in any other part of the world; yet the painful truth must also be conceded, that we have not discharged our whole duty to this important class of our population, nay, that their moral and spiritual culture have been sadly neglected. It may be that for this, among other reasons, that God is now visiting our land with the scourge of war. If this be so, the chastisement is co-extensive with the sin, and will not be removed until we realize the sacredness of the obligation, and begin in earnest the great work of promoting the spiritual welfare of our servants.

The religious instruction of colored people must be included in two particulars: 1st, That which is *public*. We conceive it to be the duty of all to see that their servants are provided with the regular ministrations of God's word. "It has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save" thousands and tens of thousands of those persons, and no means are so well adapted to secure the object proposed. But the preaching must be appropriate and especially adapted to their character and wants. An intelligent, simple, earnest, but dignified presentation of the Gospel, embracing mainly the first principles of our holy religion, is what is particularly needed;

Where convenient, we believe it better that servants should attend our usual places of worship, and experience has taught your committee to believe that separate and distinct services are better adapted to interest and edify them. Where too remote, several plantations should unite, erect a suitable sanctuary, and secure the services of an intelligent servant of God to break to them the Word of Life. But whatever the circumstances, the duty of providing regular public ministrations of God's word, is unalterable, and cannot be neglected, without incurring the displeasure of the Almighty. 2d. The master has not discharged his whole duty by simply permitting or encouraging his servant to attend public worship, there must, in connexion with this, and as a valuable auxiliary, be an attempt, thoroughly and systematically, to impart instruction *privately*. There are many truths which a minister, in preaching even to a colored congregation, supposes to be familiar, but a more intimate acquaintance discloses the melancholy fact that they are either unknown; or but vaguely comprehended. Now the Christian master can materially aid in this work, by ascertaining their deficiencies, and remedying them. For instance, let the servants be gathered together; and the circumstances connected with the life of Christ—his birth; the fact that he was a man made of a woman! that he was also God; "in whom all the fullness of the God-head dwelt bodily"—let these and similar truths be taught again and again, until they are thoroughly acquainted with the great outline of Christian doctrine and duty. Let plain passages of Scripture be repeated until they become familiar to their ears; and they can repeat them themselves—let hymns be memorized—let the master interest himself in this work; and he will soon learn to love it, and be surprised at the moral and spiritual improvement of his servants. In this way many of the evils connected with the excitement of their meetings among themselves will be avoided or remedied, and definite views of divine truth will take the place of those vague, dreamy, or false conceptions, which now obtain so extensively among them. That there will be much to discourage these efforts, may be expected, but let the master persevere; let him "attempt great things, and expect great things from God," and he will not be disappointed. This duty of private instruction, is just as obligatory as the duty of properly training our children. It is a duty, too, which the master cannot delegate to another. For its performance he must give account unto God. No circumstances, no press of business, nothing short of positive inability can annul this weighty obligation: "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal," is the Divine command. Let it be obeyed in spiritual as in temporal matters, and the condition of the black man will be truly elevated; he will become holy as well as happy; an intelligent, converted christian; an element of usefulness in our churches, and of strength to our country. How far authority should be united with efforts to induce attendance, either upon public or private means of instruction, every christian

master must determine for himself. Your committee recommend that this committee be henceforth a Standing Committee, and that the committee to nominate preachers for the next session, and be instructed to nominate some one to preach on this subject.

WM. HOWARD,
CHAS. MANLY.

G.

Report on Domestic and Indian Missions.

There is no subject which occupies the attention of the Christian patriot, of more vital importance than the moral and spiritual cultivation of the masses. To the neglect of this, may be assigned the many evils which now surround us. No government can promise to itself a permanent and prosperous career, whose citizens ignore the great principles of Divine truth, and this is specially so with one whose power is derived directly from the people. It is clear, then, that our first great duty is to see to the moral and religious training of our people. This work has been left to the Board of Domestic Missions. At no period since the organization of the Convention has there been stronger reasons for its vigorous prosecution. At a time when our young and able bodied men are away; and many of the most active of our Ministers are in the army, to neglect his labor would be criminal.

Nothing would encourage the hearts of our soldiers more than to know that their families were cared for at home, that their children were receiving the instructions of the sanctuary.

The Board have a considerable Missionary force in the field. Many poor churches are receiving aid in the support of their Pastors, and devoted men of God are sent to these portions of country unprovided with the living Ministry. Several Ministers are devoting their entire time to the colored population, so that they can have eternal life under their own vine and fig tree.

The Board has also a large number of missionaries in the army. The reports from these self-sacrificing men are truly cheering. The spirit of Missions pervades the entire ranks of our army. Hundreds have made a profession of religion, many of whom have been baptised and united to the church of Christ. Through this agency thousands of Testaments and Bibles and pages of Tracts have been circulated, so that perhaps all our brave soldiers have been supplied with the means of salvation. In addition to this, the Board has contributed thousands of dollars to provide our weekly religious papers to the soldiers.

The Indian Department is also kept up. Most of the native preachers are still preaching to their countrymen. While they are found in the army, they are proving themselves to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Your committee would recommend a liberal support of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. SUMNER, *Chairman.*

Report on Sunday Schools.

The considerations which have been heretofore urged in behalf of Sunday Schools, are made of manifold more force by the peculiar circumstances of our times. If ever they were needed at all, there is a special demand for them now. Let it be remembered that the children are more than half of our population; that in a few years these are to be the men and women of our land, whose character will decide our country's destiny; that, of these, the proportion of orphans, of the fatherless, of the destitute and neglected, is largely increased; that the means of instruction are much fewer now than ordinary; that the constant and pressing demands of our attention to the merely temporal and temporary interests of our country, tend to make us lose sight of its spiritual interests for the distant future and the importance of any agency, which will enable us to meet the responsibilities which these facts suggest, will be at once apprehended. Such a one, we believe, is to be found, more than anywhere else, in the Sunday School—an institution whose benefits have been largely realized, but never, certainly, fully tested or exhausted. And we ought not to be satisfied until we shall see a Sunday School, not only in every church, but, as well, in every neighborhood destitute of other religious privileges.

One noticeable peculiarity of this Institution is, that for its successful working it does not require any expensive or elaborate agencies. What is most needed are earnest hearts, sustained in their humble efforts by the constraining love of Christ, and a sense of individual responsibility to do all the good that is possible. May we not hope to find these in the noble women of our land, who have shown themselves always ready for every good work? Will they not add this to the other glories that so justly belong to them, that they take the neglected and destitute children among us and nurse them for God? We confidently appeal to them for their invaluable assistance in this enterprise.

The want, to which reference was made at the last meeting of the Convention, of an instrumentality which should be a centre of influence, and which should organize and keep in motion the necessary agencies to secure this result, we are glad to say does not now exist. The Sunday School Board of the S. B. Convention, recently organized at Greenville, S. C., comes to us to ask and to offer assistance, that we may together the more effectually co-operate in the great work of Sunday School instruction. And we cannot but pray that this youngest child of the Convention, though born amid all the noise and confusion and darkness and agony of this horrid war, may nevertheless, by the grace of God, be eminently blessed and prospered in a course of constant usefulness. And, indeed, the ready gentleness with which it has been already received, and the tender solicitude manifested in its welfare, by the fathers and mothers in Israel, of other States, make us feel that we, who peculiarly need the benefits which it offers, should be especially prompt in welcoming it among us and lending a possible aid.

We trust that it may not be long before a way may be provided which will enable the Board to furnish to our Sunday Schools the appliances requisite to the successful conducting of their operations. In the meantime, let these deficiencies be in part supplied by the greater earnestness and individual labor to win souls to Christ.— These will be at all times necessary to any useful results; but must be especially exemplified now. As a valuable auxiliary in Sunday School instruction, we cordially commend the 'Child's Index, published at Macon, Georgia.

C. MANLEY,
For the Committee.

I.

Report on Foreign Missions.

In our exclusion from commercial intercourse with the world, the Board of Foreign Missions can have but occasional communication with our brethren already upon the field, and, of course, can do nothing towards the enlargement of our work where it has been commenced, or the occupancy of new fields of labor. Gratifying information however, is received that our Missionaries are by no means disheartened by their isolation from home and friends, in the prosecution of the great enterprize to which they have consecrated their lives, and that their efforts are blessed with more than ordinary success. While it is true that funds cannot be transmitted to them through the ordinary channels, it should not be supposed that the Board does not need them. We learn that occasional opportunities are offered of which they avail themselves. In the meantime, their expenses are not diminished, so far as the salaries of Missionaries are concerned. If these cannot be paid as they fall due, a debt is accumulating which the Board must promptly meet upon the restoration of peace. As this debt increases, so should the resources of the Board be strengthened to meet the demand that *must* be provided for in the future. We, therefore, suggest that pastors and churches be earnestly requested to keep this subject prominently before them, and to continue their contributions with unabated interest.

W. H. McINTOSH,
Chairman.

J.

Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

The Trustees of the Judson Female Institute have the pleasure of reporting to the Convention, the continued prosperity of the Institution under their charge.

The Catalogue of the last session shows 241 pupils, of whom 14 received the Honors of Graduation at the last Annual Commencement.

The difficulties incident to the character of the times rendered it for some time, extremely doubtful whether it would be possible to

continue the Institute in all its departments, but these were happily over-
come, and the progress and results of the session, show a suc-
cess and prosperity unsurpassed in its history.

Before the opening of the present session, much embarrassment
was felt by the Board, in view of the multiplying difficulties. The
high prices of provisions; rendered it necessary either to raise to a
corresponding high rate the price of board, or to abandon the
boarding department altogether. Conscious that this last step
would at least subvert the eminent position of the Institution, and
reduce it to the character of an ordinary neighborhood school, they
determined to take the former course, though with great reluctance.

The price was fixed at a rate as nearly as could be calculated,
which will barely pay the expenses of that Department. The price
of tuition was also raised about 40 per cent. to meet the necessarily
increased expenses of the Literary Department.

Contrary to the fears of some anxious friends, these charges have
not perceptibly affected the prosperity of the Judson. Already, there
are present as many pupils, both as boarders and day scholars, as
were present at this date last session, numbering at this time 175.

This determination of the Board, not to lower in any respect the
grade of the Institute, has already met with much congratulation.

The same Principal continues in charge, and we take much pleas-
ure in saying, that the prosperity of the Institution is indebted in no
small degree to his efficiency and zeal in elevating the grade of scho-
larship within its walls to its present high position.

The Rev. T. W. Tobey, who filled the chair of Belles Lettres and
Languages last session with such great satisfaction to the
Board, the patrons and pupils, has consented to serve in the same
capacity the present session. Prof. J. A. Melcher, who is already
known to the Convention in his connection with Howard College,
and who has since had sole charge of a Female School of a high
order, takes a position in the Faculty of Instruction, and is also act-
ing as Steward of the establishment. His energy, skill and expe-
rience are valuable acquisitions.

Prof. H. A. Pond, formerly connected with the Institute resumes
charge as Director of Music, and his well established reputation
guarantees that the high character of this Department will be sus-
tained.

Prof. Jules Marchals, whose services have already proved of such
great value to the Institution, continues as Instructor of French
Language and in the Arts, Drawing and Painting. There are ten
Ladies' Assistants, in the various departments, most of whom have
for some time been connected with the Judson, and have shown
most satisfactory ability in the performance of their duties.

It will be seen by these statements that, notwithstanding the nu-
merous obstacles which have overthrown many similar institutions,
the Judson continues its course, complete in all its departments, of-
fering the same advantages as in years past, maintaining its high po-

sition and popularity as a Institution of Learning, and supplying in these needy times, a great public necessity.

We are pleased to report again that the Young Ladies maintain the "Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society," and send, as usual, their delegate and a contribution to the objects of the Convention, of Six Hundred Dollars, considerably more than double any previous contribution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. WYATT.

President of Board of Trustees.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Secretary.*

K.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College report. That about the 20th of May last application was made by the Medical Director of this Military Department for the temporary use of the two dormitory buildings, for hospital purposes, which was granted, and consequently the college exercises were soon afterwards suspended. There being a strong probability that the buildings would be held by the Government for an indefinite period, your Board, at its last annual meeting, resolved to retain but one member of the Faculty, and made it his duty to take charge of the main building, with its contents, library, apparatus, cabinet, furniture, etc., to protect them from injury, and also to afford instruction to such students as might apply for it. He has a school of about twenty boys, one half of whom are pursuing the studies of the Freshman and Sophomore classes.

The rent of the buildings paid by the Government and tuition of those who have not scholarships more than covers the salary of Prof. Goodhue, and the expense of insurance on the property. The college is free of debt, and its financial condition is as follows:

Literary Endowment, principal and interest.....	\$186,000 00
Of this, bad and doubtful.....	12,500 00
Leaving reliable Literary Endowment Fund.....	173,500 00
Theological Endowment.....	45,400 00
Buildings and Lot say.....	45,000 00
Apparatus.....	5,000 00
Library Fund.....	8,000 00

Total available property.....	\$276,000 00
Certificate of Railroad Stock.....	3,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Available Property.....	\$276,000 00
Notes bad and doubtful.....	12,500 00
Certificate of Railroad Stock.....	3,500 00
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	\$292,000 00

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this session of the Convention viz: E. A. Blunt, W. H. Mos-

Intosh, E. Fagan, J. H. Lee, J. Billingsley, J. H. Brown, D. Gordon and John Moore.

We cannot close our report without reference to the death of our lamented friend and coadjutor Isham W. Garrott, at the time of his death President of this Board. He was an earnest friend of education, and his counsels and cooperation were of great value to the Institution. His life was sacrificed in defence of all those interests which man holds dear. To the patriot, the scholar, the friend of benevolence, he added the crowning element of human greatness, that he was a good man.

His death creates a vacancy in the Board of Trustees that should be filled during the present session of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. MCINTOSH, *President, pro tem.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer,

In Account with the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

1862. DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT. Dr.

Nov. 13.	To balance reported due to Mission Church, Mobile.....	\$ 10 00
	To balance due Bible Society Acct.	28 00
	To cash from Montgomery Church for Testaments and Tracts.....	297 00
	Cash from Finance Committee for Testaments and Tracts.....	374 60
	Cash from same for Army Missions	3310 17
	" " " " Indian "	1872 03
	" " " " Domestic "	1040 17
	" " " " Bible Cause..	25 50
	" " Liberty Association for Indian Missions.....	34 25
	Cash from same for Domestic Mis'ns	70 30
	" " " " Bible Cause...	2 00
	" " " " Army Colp't'ge	79 95
	" " " collections on Sabbath for Army Colportage.....	82 60
	Cash from Sabbath School at China Grove for Army Colportage....	4 25

\$7811 82

Cr

Nov.—	By Wm. Hornbuckle, Treasurer's receipt.....	\$7538 47
Dec.—	" " " " " ".....	266 35
	" Cash paid for postage on funds from Liberty Association.....	75
	" cash in current funds from same.....	6 25

\$7811 82

1803. FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

Nov. 4.	To bal. rep. to last Convention,.....	\$ 92 70
" 13	" Cash from Fin. Committee for Foreign Missions.....	434 06
"	" Cash from Fin. Committee for China Missions.....	11 00
D.c. 2.	To cash from Liberty Association for Foreign Missions.....	8 00
"	" cash from Liberty Association for African Missions.....	5 00
		<hr/> \$550 70

Nov. 13.	By cash paid for Minutes.....	\$ 50 00	Cr.
Dec. 2.	" I. B. Taylor's receipt.....	483 00	
"	" Premium on Check.....	4 83	
"	" balance due this fund.....	13 00	
		<hr/> \$550 70	

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Nov. 4.	To balance on hand, see last report, : : : ;	\$26 55
" 13.	" cash from Finance Com'tee 1889 70	
		<hr/> \$1916 25

Nov. 28.	By A. E. Dickinson's receipt : : :	\$1916 25	Cr.
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SOUTHERN PUBLICATION SOCIETY ACCOUNT:

Nov. 13.	To bal. rep. to last Conv't'n 1863.	\$67 25	Cr.
Nov. 5.	By balance on hand, : : : :	\$67 20	

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

Nov. 4.	To bal. rep. to last Conv't'n	\$52 75
14.	" cash from Fin. Com. : ;	31 00
"	" " Dom, Miss. Acct.	100 00
"	" " For'gn " "	50 00
		<hr/> \$234 75

1863.			Cr.
Jan. 22.	By A. B. Goodhue's receipt: : :	\$175 00	
"	" balance on hand, : : :	58 75	
		<hr/> \$234 75	

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT—HOWARD COLLEGE.

Nov. 4.	To bal. rep. to last Conv't'n	\$221 73
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Dec. 25 " cash from Miss J. Smith, 10 00

\$231 73

By balance on hand, : : : Cr. \$231 73

HOLCOMBE MONUMENT FUND.

Nov. 13. To bal. rep. to last Conv'n, \$61 53

By balance on hand, : : : Cr. \$61 53

SOUTH WESTERN BAPTIST AMONG SOLDIERS.

Nov. 13. To cash from Finance Com. \$520 00

Nov. 13. By check remitted, : : : Cr. \$518 76

" premium on check, : : : 1 24

\$520 00

ALABAMA HOSPITAL, RICHMOND, VA.

Nov. 13. To cash from Finance Com. \$36 00

By balance on hand, - : : Cr. \$36 00

MARION, ALA., Nov. 6, 1863.

To the President, and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

I herewith submit this, my annual report, as Treasurer of your body, showing a balance in my hands of Four Hundred and Sixty-eight and 23 100 Dollars.

Of this amount there stands to the credit of Foreign Mission account \$13 00; to the Southern Publication Society account \$67 20; to the General Purpose Fund \$58 65; to the Holcombe Monument Fund \$61 55; to the Alabama Hospital at Richmond \$36 00, and to the Beneficiary Fund of Howard College \$231 73. All of which is subject to your order.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. F. WLKES,

Treasurer Alabama Baptist State Convention

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. N. WYATT

W. T. HENDON,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

OF WHOM RECEIVED.

	Aggregate.....	S. W. Baptist for Soldiers.	General Pur- poses.	Testaments & Tracts—A. E. Dickerson.	Home Bible Cause.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Domestic Mis- sions.	Army Missions, Domestic Mission Board.	Indian Mission	Testaments & Tracts—Domestic Mission Board.	Sabbath School Board.	Foreign African Mission	Ala. Ass'n Col- ortage Society	
North Church.....	\$11 05													
North Church.....	35 00		10 00				50 00	42 55				22 00		
Tallapoosa Town Church.....	130 00						25 00	130 00						
Tallapoosa Town Sabbath School.....	42 50							42 50						
Sabbath School Missionary Society, Selma, Ala.	23 00					5 00		19 00			10 00			
Fellowship Church, Jackson County.....	5 00							5 00	23 00					
Selma Church.....	615 00					25 00		562 00						
Franklin Association.....	105 24							105 00						
Franklin Church.....	100 00							100 00						
Tallapoosa Creek Church.....	331 00							331 00						
Dr. C. F. Battle.....	223 00							220 00						
Rev. A. J. Battle.....	61 00					50 00								
W. W. Mason.....	50 00					50 00								
S. Lamber.....	10 00					2 00								
Collection by Rev. S. Henderson.....	9 00					23 00								
Tusculum Church.....	25 00	10 00		20 00		20 00		140 00						
Indian Association.....	190 00							413 50		80 00				
New Prospect Church.....	493 62							122 00						
Union Springs Church.....	182 00							61 00						
Central Ridge Church.....	61 00							383 00						
Central Union Church.....	383 00							114 00						
Elkhead Association.....	114 00							186 75						
Friend Church.....	286 75							41 50						
Friend Church.....	1100 82			60 00		129 45	130 45	122 85			53 50			
Alabama Association.....	284 00			65 00		100 00	100 00	29 00						
Union Church.....	5750 00	359 00				207 00		4352 17						
Union Church.....	75 74					73 70								
Anti-Slavery Missionary Society, Jackson Post	600 00					80 00	50 00	500 00						
A. J. Samuels.....	9 00			9 00										
Alabama Association.....	1563 43			221 25			13 40							
Alabama Association.....	1719 91						1719 91							

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Continued,

Canaan Association.....		916 45			906 45
Central Association.....		474 20			474 20
Fishes Association.....		2108 05			2109 06
Shelly Association.....		256 45			256 45
Union Association.....		1324 60			1324 60
Tuckahoe Association.....		1451 56			1451 56
Phoe Barron Association.....		173 75			173 75
Unity Association.....		1043 85			1043 85
Tuckagee Association.....		846 55			846 06
Spring Creek Association.....		3254 50			3254 51
Ashville Church.....		93 25			93 25
Jesse A. Collins.....		55 00			55 00
Mary G. Collier.....		12 50			12 50
Rev. Rufus Fitch.....		50 00			50 00
Private Churches and Individuals.....		20 00			20 00
Collections on Sabbath during Conventions.....		2109 43			2109 43
Total.....	\$662 00 \$29 50 \$2172 92 \$80 00	\$500 43 \$1808 77	\$862 27 11	\$503 12 \$76 50 \$2070 \$10 00	\$369 00 \$1759 60

RECAPITULATION.

Received from Associations, Churches and Individuals during the conventional year for the different benevolent objects specified above as in certificates of Rev. M. T. Sumner and receipts of other agents.....

and receipts of other agents.....	\$25,042 79
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In cash sent to Convention by different Associations, Churches, Individuals and collection on Sabbath.....

In subscriptions unpaid as indicated per statement herewith

Respectfully Submitted,

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J. B. LOVEACE

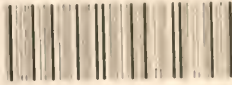
W. M. PLEASANT, } Committee.

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We have examined the above Report and find it correct

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